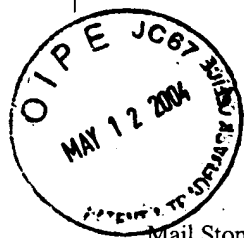


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Re: Applicant(s): Zare et al.
Title: Fused-Silica Capillaries with Photopolymer Components
Application No.: 10/674,652 Filing Date: September 29, 2003
Examiner: Therkorn, Ernest G. Group Art Unit: 1723
Docket No.: STNB.055US3 Conf. No.: 4785

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate – 1 page); and
- (3) Response to Election Requirement (2 pages).



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an office action mailed on April 19, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on May 19, 2004. In view of the following election of species with traverse, examination on the merits is respectfully requested.